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## How to Defeat the Hostile Interests Opposing the Alberta Wheat Pool

Fight Is Now On, and the Issue Depends Upon the Determination of the Farmers to Protect Their Own Interests

By PRESIDENT WOOD

The Wheat Pool has now been in operation two weeks. In the meantime it has been going on quite satisfactorily. A spirit of loyalty to the Pool on the part of the contract signers has been quite manifest. We have over 20 elevator companies ranging from 1 to 200 elevators, totalling 530 elevators, signed up to handle the Pool wheat at definitely fixed charges for definite services rendered. This leaves 400 elevators that have not yet agreed to handle the Pool wheat. We are still negotiating with these elevators and some of them will doubtless sign up and be handling our wheat in the near future. Others, however, are taking an uncompromising attitude of hostility towards the Pool, and are manifesting a determination to prevent its success. There is no question but that this opposition will cause a great deal of annoyance and inconvenience to the Pool members at certain points, in the shipment of their wheat.

### SUCCESS DEPENDS PRIMARILY ON PRODUCERS

The success of the Pool is going to depend primarily on the loyalty and determination of the producers. At the points where the elevators are all antagonistic, also at the points where the friendly elevators have not sufficient capacity to handle the Pool wheat, the contract signers will have to organize and make every effort to get their wheat loaded by some other method. Of course the farmers have certain rights under the Canada Grain Act in the shipment of grain through all elevators. You should thoroughly post yourselves as to just what these rights are and protect them to the best of your ability. All well established cases of violations of the Grain Act should be reported to head office. Remember, however, that nothing can be done on mere rumor or suspicion. You must have your case definitely established.

### ORGANIZE TO USE LOADING PLATFORMS

However, the advantage will be with the elevators and you will fail oftener than you will succeed in getting your wheat through hostile elevators. At such points your final hope of

The meeting of delegates appointed by contract signers in the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., opened in Calgary on Tuesday morning, November 13th, for the purpose of electing a permanent board of trustees and transacting other important business. The results of the election will be found elsewhere in this issue. In the article on this page President Wood deals with matters of the greatest moment to all contract signers.

success is in loading your grain by other methods. The most available of these is the loading platform. Through the organization of the Pool farmers at any point where they cannot ship through the elevators, they will be able to assist each other in loading cars—all sign up on the order book and take full advantage of this method. There are hundreds of loading platforms in Alberta.

### THE FIGHT IS ON—HOW YOU MAY WIN IT

Where there is no loading platform, or the farmers consider it more desirable to do so, there can be a local organization, or company, the farmers putting in a portable elevator operated together, and assisting each other in handling their wheat. While either of these methods will involve the trouble of organized local co-operation, they are the cheapest methods by which you can handle your grain. It is up to you whether or not you will go to the trouble of succeeding, or take the easy way and let certain elevator interests who have made up their minds to defeat your co-operative marketing efforts succeed in their desire. Make no mistakes about the fight being on. It is on, and is going to be won by one party or the other. If it is won for you, it will be won by you—by your own determined actions to succeed. Central Office will do all it can to assist you, but with that assistance the fight is still yours and must be won by you.

In an interview with the Canadian Press last week, President Wood stated that while he and his fellow trustees were men of peace, they did not intend to allow any elevator company or companies to deny the farmers their rights as laid down in the Canada Grain Act.

Years ago, he said, the farmers of the West fought for and obtained certain rights under the act, and, he added, "if I am any judge of our Alberta farmers, they are ready to do it again. In addition to their right to elevator accommodation according to law, they still have loading platforms in the country, and if any of our farmers once get the idea that any elevator companies are trying to make it impossible for

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## EDITORIAL

## STICK OR QUIT?

Upon the effort which members are willing to put forth during the next few weeks and throughout the coming winter, the future of the United Farmers of Alberta, and therefore of all co-operative enterprise in Canada and of the farmers' movement as a whole, will in large measure depend.

In various districts throughout the Province drives have already been launched, with a view to bringing the membership of the Association up to strength. That these drives shall be prosecuted everywhere with all possible vigor is a matter of the most vital importance. The paid-up membership of the organization is today lower than it was at the corresponding season a year ago. The harvest has been a bountiful one, and although it is true that prices are low, and that much of the proceeds will be absorbed in the cancellation of a portion of the heavy indebtedness with which agriculture in almost all parts of the Province is burdened, it is absolutely imperative that the organization shall be maintained, unless the farmers are prepared to abandon the ground which has been gained in the past, and all hope of winning before the advent of some distant future their rightful place in the public economy of Canada.

The first co-operative marketing enterprise on a large scale to be launched in Canada, has been made possible only by virtue of the existence of the U.F.A., which is not a limited group of elected officers, but the whole membership of the farmers' organization, taking democratic action in every rural community throughout the Province. The Wheat Pool has now entered upon its first fight with the interests, largely centred in Winnipeg, which, with large supplies of money and a powerful organization at their command, are actively seeking to interfere, by means legal or otherwise, with the operation of the Pool. Any weakening of the farmers' organization must at this time bring encouragement to the enemy, and add immeasurably to the difficulties to be overcome before co-operative marketing can be finally established as the normal method of handling the products of the farm. The task is a mighty one. The next few weeks will prove a testing time. It is for the farmers to decide whether they wish to continue the fight for the emancipation of their industry from its present servitude to powerful and highly organized vested interests, or to abandon the struggle for economic freedom.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish an account of the steady and determined efforts made by the farmers of Ireland to develop co-operative institutions, and of the very real progress which they have made towards the creation of a co-operative civilization. The obstacles which the Irish farmers had to overcome could not be overcome in a day. They were, in many respects, far more serious than any with which the farmers of Alberta have been confronted. The Irish farmers continued steadily to build upon the foundation of sound co-operative principles, even in a period of armed

conflict. The struggle has been a protracted one, and it is not yet ended. The present strong position of their movement, however, like that of the older Danish movement, is due to the self-sacrificing efforts of men and women who have been content to work on, in the face of every discouragement, through evil times and good, firm in the faith that ultimate success would be achieved. They have learned that progress is dependent, not upon miracles, but upon the untiring efforts of individuals who are unwilling to relax their efforts after the first few milestones have been passed, or to falter by the way, but are determined to follow the trail, in the assurance that the objective they have set before them can and will be reached. The principles and method which have made success possible in Denmark and in Ireland are the principles upon which success can be achieved elsewhere.

In Alberta the farmers' Provincial Association is not in a position today to undertake any organization work requiring the expenditure of funds. Membership campaigns which may be carried on at any time in the near future will depend for their success almost entirely upon the energy and initiative of District Associations, Locals, and individual members. It is "up to you."

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By a very large majority the people of Alberta have declared for the sale of all liquors by or through Government vendors, and for the consumption of beer in licensed premises.

However strong may be the convictions of a large body of citizens that the decision was unwise, it is now the plain duty of all, prohibitionists and moderationists alike, to co-operate in securing the best possible legislation obtainable under the new circumstances, and in building up a body of public opinion which will make for the rigid enforcement of the new law. The evils which existed during the days of the open bar are common knowledge. The evils which have sprung up under the systems of Government control in operation in some other Provinces are also well known. The precedents set in these Provinces, in methods of Government control, are in no wise binding upon Alberta. The expressed will of the people must be carried out, but it is not the desire of the vast majority that abuses which have sprung up elsewhere under Government control should make their appearance here, if this can be prevented.

One thing is certain. The people of Alberta have no desire that powerful vested interests, able to exert a pernicious influence upon public life, shall be built up under the new legislation. The handling of liquor in the past has always been a highly profitable undertaking, and it is in the appeal which this traffic makes to commercial cupidity that one of its greatest sources of evil lies. Can this appeal be weakened?

Twenty or more years ago a group of British temperance reformers, who knew that under the conditions then prevailing, nothing of a revolutionary character could be accomplished in temperance legislation, organized what is known as the Public House Trust. The organization was headed by a bishop, and included among its supporters many men of means who agreed, in investing their money in the undertaking, to take a maximum return of five per cent., profits in excess of this amount being spent in the improvement of the service given to the public in licensed houses, and in the acquirement of new premises. It was decided to grant a bonus to managers of Trust hotels, on all food and non-alcoholic drinks sold to the public, and the commercial incentive to press the sale of intoxicants was thereby removed. The Trust has greatly extended its operations in Great Britain, and during the war, acquired, in the West End of London, a large hotel, which is now a model of good management to other licensed premises in the immediate neighborhood. The public House Trust has not worked miracles, but that it has rendered

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# What the Development of the Western Route Will Mean to Alberta

By Hon. V. W. Smith, Minister of Railways and Telephones

When the Panama Canal was undertaken by the United States Government, thoughtful people visionized a new development in the settlement and prosperity of Alberta on account of its bringing this Province in closer touch with the world's markets by the utilizing of ocean transportation through this agency.

Owing to the war starting at about the time of the completion of the canal and the consequent withdrawal of shipping facilities, nothing happened for a period of seven years, at which time vessels were gradually getting back in mercantile trade.

## Three Years' Expansion

Previous to 1921 the shipping of grain via the Panama Canal to Europe and the United Kingdom was more or less experimental. In that year between January and October about one half million bushels were shipped, another half million in the months of November and December were dispatched. It now being demonstrated that the movement via this route was not only feasible but profitable, the bookings increased to a total of over seven million bushels to the end of June, 1922. Of the crop year 1922 the shipping to August, 1923, was about eighteen million bushels. This increase from nothing in a three year period is only indicative of what development will take place when adequate facilities have been established along the western route to enable the most of Alberta's wheat crop to flow through this channel, considering that to move as much grain as was moved last year through one elevator of one and a quarter million bushel capacity at Vancouver demonstrates the superiority of an all year port, where a continual stream can flow to the world's markets, as against a four months' intermission during the winter on the Great Lakes, necessitating the storing of the wheat at their head or in the interior elevators during the interim with consequent storing costs.

It is not hard to understand that a very large volume of wheat can be moved through the Pacific ports with a much less elevator capacity than is required for storage purposes on the Eastern route.

It is estimated Alberta will produce one hundred and seventy-five million bushels of wheat this year; this should provide about one hundred and twenty-five millions for export. It is possible, owing to shipping conditions on the Great Lakes, and the large crop in Saskatchewan flowing that way, that the bulk of this wheat in Alberta would go to Vancouver this year, were facilities sufficient to handle it. However, there has been considerable additional storage capacity provided and more is in course of construction which is expected to take care of fifty or sixty million bushels before the new crop of 1924 is ready for movement.

Of this increased space, the Harbor Commission are adding 800 000 bushels capacity to the present elevator, and building a new structure of one and three-quarter million bushel capacity on

The future development of Alberta will be in large measure dependent upon the development of the Western route both for outward shipment of Alberta products, and for inward shipments of manufactured and other goods. Unless primary producers and consumers can gain in full measure the advantages which proximity to tidewater should give, no other Alberta interests, not even the whole-sale interests which have been opposing the equalization of rates through the mountains, can obtain the volume of business which the effective development of the Province must bring. The U. F. A. Annual Convention is on record in support of the equalization of rates, and the Alberta Government has taken an active part in the presentation of the appeal to the Privy Council, which has resulted in a ten per cent. reduction being made. Hon. V. W. Smith, Minister of Railways and Telephones for Alberta, describes in the article on this page, the present situation and the possibilities of the future.—Editor.

the new Ballantyne pier. Besides this the Woodward (a private elevator) is under construction, having a capacity of 350,000 bushels, so that a total of over four million bushels storage capacity will be available at Vancouver early in the new year.

## Why Alberta Is Interested

Why are we interested in routing our grain via the Panama? It is because of the shorter rail haul with the consequent cheaper cost. In 1922 the average freight charge from Alberta was about the same both to the head of the Lakes and to Vancouver, around 16 cents per bushel; from Vancouver to the United Kingdom the rate was around 25 cents per bushel; making a total of 41 cents. From the head of the Lakes, the normal

rate to Montreal was about 14 cents with an ocean rate from Montreal of 15 cents, making a total of 45 cents, or four cents in favor of the Coast route. This was not all the saving available in that year. An abnormal situation arose whereby the elevators in Eastern Canada could not pass the grain out as quickly as it was forwarded from the head of the Lakes, consequently boats were delayed in unloading. The Lake rates were practically doubled, the reason given being delay in unloading at Buffalo and Port Colborne, with the result that another five cents per bushel toll was added to the Eastern route, making a total spread of about nine cents in favor of the Pacific route.

## Farmer Has Not Obtained Benefit

Unfortunately the farmer has not always been getting the full benefit of this cheaper transportation, as his grain has been bought on a Port Arthur basis less freight charges to that point or to Vancouver. This condition will be rectified when proper storing facilities and buying agencies having the farmers' interest in view are established at the Coast.

As a result of the application of the Province of British Columbia for equalized freight rates, in which the Government of Alberta later joined, a decision has been recently given by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, by which a reduction of one and one-half cents per bushel was made in the export grain rates to the Pacific Coast. British Columbia put up a splendid fight in the original hearing before the Board of Railway Commissioners, but the prestige caused by the backing of the Alberta Government in the appeal to the Privy Council, was without a doubt a very important factor in our getting the ten per cent. reduction in these rates.

While this is only half what the reduction would be were the rates put on the same basis to Vancouver as they are to Port Arthur, still it is a move in the right direction and should mean at least three-quarters of a million dollars saving to the Alberta farmer on the 1923 crop. Alberta should not abandon its efforts until these rates are equalized. The newly appointed member of the Board of Railway Commissioners, Hon. Frank Oliver, is to be commended for his courage in writing a dissenting judgment in which he so ably argues Alberta's right for the putting of these rates on an equal basis.

While, without a doubt, grain is the largest volume commodity which we have to transport, still the people of Alberta are vitally interested in the development of the short route to the sea, for the movement of our other commodities of production and consumption. It costs \$45.95 to ship a piano from Montreal to Calgary or Edmonton by rail, while the same piano can be shipped from New York by water via Vancouver to Calgary for \$27.90 and to Edmonton for \$3.00 more. An ordinary bath tub can be shipped from Trenton, N. J., to Seattle or Vancouver via the Panama Canal for

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HON. V. W. SMITH



# Building a Co-operative Civilization in Rural Ireland

How the "Idealists" and "Theorists" of the Irish Co-operative Movement Have Been Laying the Foundations of a New Life

At a time when the subject of co-operative marketing is uppermost in the minds of the farmers of Western Canada, and plans are being developed not only for the efficient marketing of wheat, but also, by Local and District Associations of the U. F. A. for the co-operative selling of other products of the farm, the inspiring story of the origin, growth and achievements of the Irish co-operative movement, as told by Sir Horace Plunkett, president of the Irish Agricultural Organization Society, in "The Survey" of New York, is of exceptional interest and value.

The Irish co-operative movement has not been a sudden growth. Its successes have been made possible because in the face of greater discouragements than have been encountered by any similar movement in Canada, leaders and members alike have remained firm in devotion to its service, and faithfully continued to build upon the foundation of a sound principle.

While Denmark is the classic home of agricultural co-operation, the Irish farmers during recent years have accomplished a peaceful revolution in the marketing of their products. Sir Horace Plunkett and George W. Russell (better known as "A. E."), have been the pioneers and the chief sources of inspiration for the Irish co-operative movement, in which many thoughtful Irishmen believe they have discovered the most powerful single instrument for the regeneration of their country.

## Three-fold Development

The successes achieved, even in the midst of a destructive and protracted armed struggle, are attributed by these leaders in large measure to the fact that one-sided development has been avoided. The movement has insisted, Sir Horace points out, on the building up of rural society on three sides; namely, the technical side, the commercial or business side, and the social and intellectual side. All these are equally emphasized at all times. There has been no erratic seeking of salvation first by the over-emphasis of one activity, and then by the over-emphasis of another.

And success is also largely due to the fact that the leaders of the movement have been at the same time practical men and "idealists." Their idealism has in great measure made the practical successes possible. While Mr. Russell, in a recent article, takes a not altogether optimistic view of the immediate prospects of his country, he is convinced that in the development of the spirit of co-operation lies the greatest hope for the future of the rural communities.

## The U. F. A. Formula

It is interesting to note that the formula of the United Farmers of Alberta, "Better Farming, Better Business, Better Living," is also the formula of the Irish Agricultural Organization Society, and that both have recognized, to quote the words of Sir Horace Plunkett in reference to his own society, that "for a com-

While their country has been disturbed by successive armed conflicts, the Irish co-operators, under the leadership of Sir Horace Plunkett and other well-known Irishmen, have been laying the foundations of a new life. They are extending the principles of organization and co-operation to all the activities of rural civilization. The Irish co-operative leader declares that in the building up of a rural society, technical, commercial, social and intellectual activities are of equal importance. The co-operative movement is all-embracing, and its intellectual and social aspects are in his opinion of no less importance than the others. The practical successes of the Irish co-operative movement provide an effective answer to those self-styled and self-constituted "practical" advisers of the farmers who express contempt for the idealism which has always formed the basis and the source of inspiration of the farmers' co-operative movement.

plete policy of rural progress, it was equally necessary that we should interest ourselves in the brightening of rural life on its social and intellectual side. Societies were encouraged to use their business organizations for social gatherings. The point is that we were all at work upon the three-fold scheme."

## Founded Thirty Years Ago

"To those to whom Ireland is before all things the land of paradox," says Sir Horace, "the movement founded thirty-two years ago, with its immediate object of reorganizing the basic industry of the country upon co-operative lines and with its far wider aim, should be of absorbing interest. I recall a question put to me in those now far-off days by an American friend. He knew that I was going to devote my life to the service of my country, and that I had neither the ambition nor the qualifications for the political arena where his knowledge of Irish performance began and ended. The offhand definition I gave was not, I think, very far from the truth. I said it was 'how to make a people who are not farmers prosper in a country dependent upon farming'.

"I do not claim for my countrymen that they are yet conspicuously good farmers. But the story I have to tell of their attempt to solve their agricultural problem will show them as leaders in the English-speaking world in the building up of a new rural civilization, now urgently needed to restore the balance between the urban and rural sides in the national economies of western peoples."

In the year 1889, the pioneers of the agricultural co-operative movement could be counted on the fingers of one hand, states Sir Horace in the course of his historic sketch. Among the various personalities to whom early successes were due, he mentions Mr. Russell, who is well known as a writer and one of the leaders of Irish culture, "to me the outstanding Irishman of this generation," who "saw in our efforts the opportunity he sought to give practical service to his

day and generation and so to complete a life devoted to the wisdom of the ages."

## Passing of Landlord System

"The founders of the movement," the writer continues, "saw that the Irish land question was nearing a settlement on the only possible plan, the transfer of the ownership of the land from the landlord (too often an absentee) to the tenant. Eight years before, Gladstone had got through Parliament his great charter of agrarian emancipation, which was known as the Three F's: that is, Fair Rent, Fixity of Tenure, and Free Sale. By this act the tenant could have his rent fixed by an impartial tribunal. He could not be evicted from his farm so long as he paid this rent. He was given the right to sell his interest in his farm to the highest bidder if he wanted to leave it, and was thus protected from the loss of his improvements. Some people hold that the Irish are pastoral rather than agricultural in their instincts. We held that, until the reforms I have sketched were enacted, the tenants could not be expected to put their backs into the cultivation of the soil. Furthermore, for many generations the energies of the agricultural population had been absorbed in the struggle for the possession of the land which had been confiscated centuries ago, and little attention was paid to modern improvements in methods of cultivation."

One adverse factor to be reckoned with was "the fall in the price of farm produce in the last quarter of the nineteenth century, owing chiefly to the opening up of vast tracts of virgin soil in America and Australasia, and to improved transportation, bringing in the produce of Russia and Scandinavia as well." These factors "threatened the Irish farmer with a loss in the profits of his industry, which might well outweigh the advantage of his improved tenure. The need of the situation was plain to be seen. Nothing but an all-round improvement of method could save the Irish farmer.

## Small Producers Source of Strength

"The farms of Ireland being exceedingly small, intensive cultivation was indicated. But the economic trend was all in the direction of large-scale production and distribution. This is the paradox in its practical expression. Obviously, a very perfect organization of the small producers would be required in order to give the small man the advantage of the large-scale business. Failing such effective organization for business purposes, the easy but uneconomic grazing of a few head of stock was more attractive than a toilsome tillage. Nor would mere combination of farmers in scattered business associations suffice. The whole scheme of organization, starting with the parish and ending with the nation, would have to be developed."

## Students of English Movement

Sir Horace states that the leaders of the Irish movement had all been students  
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# The Provincial Secretary's Page

## Information for Officers and Members

### COCHRANE CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Cochrane U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Constituency Association will be held on Monday, November 26th, in the Community Hall, Beaver Dam, commencing at 10 a.m. Officers for the coming year will be elected and much important business will be transacted. A large attendance of members is desired. The present officers are: H. E. G. H. Scholefield, Crossfield, president and acting secretary; Mrs. Tisdale, Bottrel, vice-president; and E. G. Reid, Cremona, N. McNeil, Airdrie, and Sykes Taylor, Cochrane, directors.

### SHOWS VALUE OF ORGANIZATION

"Just a line to thank you for your trouble in obtaining the rebate from the railway company for me. Little things like this show us the value of an organization like ours." So reads a letter to the Central Office from H. Darby, a U. F. A. member at Spring Coulee.

Last spring Mr. Darby had shipped to him thirty bushels of pedigree seed wheat from Saskatchewan, and the freight bill amounted to almost a dollar a bushel. Mr. Darby had procured a seed grain certificate, but was informed that as the grain had been billed out on an ordinary bill of lading, he could not get the reduced rate. He forwarded the freight receipt, etc., to the Central Office, who took up the matter with the railway officials, and after correspondence lasting over a period of several weeks, advice was received that the local railway agent had been authorized to refund to Mr. Darby \$10.

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP TICKET

The American Farm Bureau Federation have in operation a system of family membership tickets. J. W. Coverdale, secretary of the Farm Bureau, states that he believes the family membership is the proper method of tying the entire community up to the organization. "If individual memberships are permitted," writes Mr. Coverdale, "our experience teaches us that they will run to individual types of organizations and either conflict or cause duplication of effort."

At present the family membership ticket in use by the Farm Bureau provides for one vote for the family, but Mr. Coverdale is inclined to think that a vote each for the husband and wife would bring about a better spirit of co-operation.

Discussing the plan of operation and financing of the Farm Bureau, Mr. Coverdale states: "I think whatever programs are adopted in the communities, or counties—as we call them—should be broad enough to take in the welfare of not only the men and women, but the boys and girls as well. Too much can not be done for the juniors. I believe that whatever program is adopted for the juniors they should have a voice in working it out, and it should correlate very closely with the adult program, and the entire movement should be one of co-operation and the closest kind of relationship with the agricultural college

and experiment station as well as the Department of Agriculture.

"In regard to the membership fees, these vary somewhat in the different states and should be based upon the number of farmers you have in the state or in the communities and the type of program you expect to carry out. Many of our better corn belt states have a county agent employed co-operatively with the agricultural college, and sometimes a boys' and girls' leader. In addition they have a convenient office with stenographic and clerical help and sufficient equipment to make the county Farm Bureau a real service organization.

"The amount to be used for the state depends upon the state program. We do not feel that much could be accomplished in any state short of \$20,000. Some of our states, like Illinois, for instance, raise better than \$400,000 a year for their state program. They charge \$15, \$10 of which stays in the county, \$5 goes to the state and 50 cents of the state's money goes to the national organization. In all cases the American Farm Bureau Federation receives 50 cents per family membership, which goes to make up our budget.

"We find that the states with about the best apportionment on which they can get by, charge \$10 for membership fee, \$2.50 of which goes to the state and 50 cents of that to the national, leaving \$7.50 in the county. If there are 1,000 members, that would be \$7,500 for a county program. This makes a fairly satisfactory division of funds."

### ALFALFA SEED ASSOCIATION

The alfalfa growers of the Eastern section of the C. P. R. Irrigation block have formed the Grimm Alfalfa Seed Association of Alberta, a co-operative association of alfalfa seed growers with the object of co-operatively cleaning and marketing alfalfa seed. The association will handle only registered and certified Grimm alfalfa seed.

The association has already one hundred members, each of whom have taken up one hundred dollars' worth of stock in the association. The association is installing at Brooks a cleaning plant, equipped with the best and most modern machinery available. This plant will take care of this year's crop.

The board of directors has been selected, composed of the following: Messrs. J. S. Ingham, Brooks; O. J. Abrahamson, Duchess; John Christopher, Rainier; C. C. Starr, Rosemary; Don. H. Bark, Brooks. Mr. Bark, who is one of the foremost authorities on alfalfa, has been chosen as manager of the association.

### SONG SHEETS

Song and hymn sheets, containing the words of the following national and organization songs can be secured from Central Office at a cost of sixty cents per hundred sheets: O Canada, The Maple Leaf, Organize, The Farmers' Movement, and Equal Rights for All, and the hymns,

Fight the Good Fight, Stand Up for Jesus, God Send Us Men, Lead Kindly Light, Nearer My God to Thee, and Abide With Me.

## Clause "D" Carries in the Plebiscite

### Premier Greenfield Announces Early Session of Provincial Assembly to Deal With Necessary Legislation

The people of Alberta, by a substantial majority, in the referendum on the liquor question on November 5th, defeated the present prohibition law, and decided in favor of a law of Government control, and of public dispensation of beer, according to Clause "D" on the ballot, which reads as follows:

"Government sale of all liquors, meaning thereby the sale of all liquors by or through Government vendors. Beer to be consumed on licensed premises and in private residences. Wine and spirits to be purchased in limited quantities under permit issued by the Government under Government control and regulation."

### Premier's Statement

Following the vote, Premier Greenfield announced that the regular session of the Legislature would be called before the end of the year, and issued the following statement:

"The electors of the Province have apparently spoken very decisively in favor of another system of liquor administration. It is now left to the Legislature to frame suitable legislation and for the Government to organize the necessary machinery to carry into effect the will of the people as soon as that can possibly be done.

"Since its inception of office this Government considered it its plain duty to give the people an honest and adequate enforcement of the present Act. We believe this has been done and the Government faces the new issue with confidence that it has not failed in any of its duties under the present Act. It will be the endeavor of all the Ministers to interpret and carry into effect the wishes of all the people in the same spirit of fairness and sincerity as has been shown towards the old act.

### Has Considered Course of Action

"The Government has, of course, had under consideration its course of action in the event of any of the four clauses carrying. Now that the decision has been reached every attention will be given to working out the various problems of administration which will be essential, whatever form of legislation the Legislature may finally settle. Apart entirely from the question of legislation there are important problems of organization which will take a little time, for example since assuming office the stocks of liquor have been depleted by over \$1,000,000 and immediate attention will have to be given to the important question of adequate stocks.

"A session of the Legislature will of course be necessary. A special session will not be called, but the date of the regular session will be advanced and an adjournment made if necessary to deal with regular sessional business."



# Urges Strong Membership Drive During Remainder of Season

President Ewing of East Calgary Issues Appeal to Members—Drives Proceeding in Other Districts—Has Yours Commenced?

Membership drives in various parts of the Province have been launched by District Associations and Locals during the past few weeks, and a special effort is being made to bring in membership dues during the month of November. As a result of the open fall, farmers throughout the Province have been very busy in many instances during the early part of the month. Now that the heavy work of the season is practically complete, officers of the Association in the different localities are urging that attention should be concentrated upon the membership drives, as far as this may be possible. Below we publish a letter addressed to Locals in the East Calgary Constituency by S. J. Ewing, president of the East Calgary U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association.

Irricana, Nov. 13th, 1923.  
To all U.F.A. Locals,  
East Calgary District Association.

As it is getting near the time for our District Association Meeting in Calgary, Nov. 30th at 10 a.m., (Nolan's Hall), I feel it is my privilege and duty to urge each member to make our membership drive for the year a wonderful success.

## Solidify Organization.

Agricultural conditions for the year resulting in a bountiful harvest have given us new hope. Labor and machinery prices are still high, while prices for farm products are still low. We therefore realize that only through co-operation will we be able to better our agricultural conditions. Thus we see the absolute necessity of solidifying our Association to greater strength, and so to greater power, through a successful membership campaign.

Let us not forget the good and faithful work done by our Federal members in our behalf. Let us, through our Locals, encourage them by resolutions of appreciation, and also by sending in resolutions pointing out our immediate needs.

Our Province has just completed the greatest co-operative wheat selling agency ever known, in a very short time, in the face of a most powerful opposition. Our success would have been impossible but for the fact that we have a splendid organization in the U.F.A. Great credit is due, too, to the farmers who are not members for their support in this connection. We trust that they will see fit to consolidate with us, and so make their influence more felt. We feel sure that this is the beginning of a better time for the farmer. We hope in the near future to learn how to market more of our products so as to realize better results than in the past.

## C. P. R. Contract Holders.

During the depression we have just come through we have as a farming people lost financially. Those of us holding C.P.R. contracts have formed an association asking for better terms from the C.P.R. This movement is growing, and we trust the C. P. R. will see fit to meet us half way and give the land settlers a chance to remain in this country.

As you are aware our U.F.A. membership has suffered reverses during the depression. Some members have been

lost through emigration, others no doubt as a direct result of hard times being unable to keep in good standing. In view of this decrease in membership, we who are left realize that it is imperative we retrench and build our organization not only to its former strength, but to greater. Thus and thus only can we expect to bring about the conditions we so urgently need. In Unity is Strength to make "Equal rights for all and special privileges for none."

Yours faithfully,

S. J. EWING,

President East Calgary Dist. Assn.

## Press Opinion on the Home Bank Failure

Sir John Willison in Financial Times

"There seems to be no good reason why Governments should have a preference over ordinary depositors in cases of bank failure. One of the reasons offered again and again as evidence of the solvency of the Home Bank, was that it held deposits from the Governments. The fact that those deposits were made strengthened the confidence of depositors in the Bank, and possibly was one of the causes why its troubles did not culminate long ago. Governments, therefore, should share losses with other depositors when a bank fails, and like the individual should take the responsibility for misjudgment and bad investment. One is not necessarily censuring the Governments for putting deposits in the Home Bank, but only insisting that they should not have a privileged position over other people who were at least as wise as themselves."

The Progressive, Saskatoon

"This is a perplexing time for the police. When they receive a hurry call from a bank, they do not know whether they are going to return to the police station with a van full of bank robbers or bank directors."

Toronto Telegram

"Canada's banking system is solid with a solidity surpassing even the solidity of the materials out of which arrogance fashioned the ivory head and marble heart of the Canadian Bankers' Association."

## FEEDING STUFFS ACT

Several amendments to the Feeding Stuffs Act, which provides for the regulation, by the Seed Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, of commercial feeding stuffs, became effective on October 1st.

The products coming under the act are designated as "bran, shorts, middlings, feed flour and screenings, the products of wheat." These products must now meet the requirements as to protein and fat contents, and must contain no crude fibre in excess of the following proportions: bran, 11.5 per cent., shorts and mill screenings, 8 per cent., middlings, 4.5 per cent., feed flour, 2 per cent. Bran, shorts, middlings or feed flour must contain no screenings, scourgings, or other foreign materials.

Another amendment gives power to the Minister of Agriculture to cancel registrations and prohibit the sale and importation of any feeding stuffs not complying with the provisions of the act.

## DAIRY CONVENTION

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# The U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch

To the Members of Junior U. F. A. Locals:

May I, at the outset, extend to you the greeting of the members of the staff of our College of Agriculture at the University of Alberta. It would be much nicer if at least one of us could visit you and speak to you, but you will quite understand how that is impossible. In the first place we have our regular students to serve. Then there are so many Locals scattered over a large Province that it is manifestly impossible to attempt a scheme of visiting.

Perhaps a member of your Local has visited our University; perhaps you have sent one or more delegates to attend the summer short course at University Week. If so I am sure each delegate will bear me out when I tell you that we of the College of Agriculture will always welcome any opportunity to be of service to the young people of Alberta. As an expression of our desire to be of service to you, we are attempting an experiment in the way of sending lectures to such Locals as want them. Last summer your president, Mr. Donald Cameron of Elnora, approached me about the matter of our producing some such material for the use of the Locals, and we have discussed the problem several times, not only together but with the members of your central executive.

## Lecture Each Month

As a result of these discussions I am planning to have a lecture on some agricultural topic prepared each month, and a sufficient number of copies sent to your Central Office, to allow each Local to receive one upon application. It is our thought that each Local can probably secure some one locally, who will read the lecture to the assembled members. I assure you the lectures will not be too long, and I hope you will make each lecture the subject of a subsequent discussion. Then if the discussion brings up some items of interest upon which you would like further information, I hope your Local secretary, or anyone in fact, will write to the professor who gave the lecture and ask him about it. Our publishing committee is now well under way in the production of bulletins on our experimental work, and you can always get them through the Extension Department.

It has not been an easy matter to decide just what subjects to select for lectures, because we have such a wide range of subjects that I know would be of interest to you. I just know you will think I should have included at least some one other subject, but if I undertook to consult each of you about this, I would be in greater trouble and distraction than Solomon ever experienced. That reminds me—the young ladies will have a clear case against me in that I have not included this year a subject pertaining to Household Science. My alibi to you is this, if you will accept it; I would prefer to wait until next summer when I can confer with your representatives at our summer course as to just what type of subject matter would be of greatest help. Of course I assume, too, that the directly agricultural topics I have selected for this year are not quite uninteresting to the young ladies. I know they insist on

## DEAN HOWES' LETTER

Members of Junior Locals will be glad to know that Dean Howes of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Alberta, has consented to have prepared a series of lectures on practical agriculture by experts in various phases of the Science of Agriculture. These lectures will be issued upon application to any Junior Local, or to a Senior Local, if desired. The lectures will be in typewritten form so that a local person can read them to the Local. Junior Locals should not delay in making application to U. F. A. Central Office for these lectures.

Any young person who has attended University Week for Farm Young People will testify that the addresses given by the members of the Faculty of Agriculture are intensely interesting. The lectures which Dean Howes is preparing to be sent out will be along the same line and prepared by the same professors. Therefore, it is an opportunity for those young people who were unable to attend University Week to have some of the advantages of that course. Dean Howes' letter to the members of the Junior U. F. A. outlines the subjects with which the lectures will deal.—J. B. K.

taking the same lectures as the young men when they attend our short course. So then the subjects I have asked certain members of our staff to write you about pertain to Live Stock, Field Crops, Soils, Dairying, and Markets. May I say just a few words to you about each of them.

## Live Stock

A large part of Alberta is particularly suited to a scheme of live stock farming. Even where grain raising is still the leading factor there is a tendency to introduce some live stock, wherever possible. Alberta is a great producer of forage and this should be consumed where it is grown or at least not very far away. A certain amount of live stock on the farm makes farming more interesting for young and old. Most of us, who are at least not young, came to Alberta with certain ideas about the details of live stock farming, as the result of our experiences elsewhere. We are finding out that some of these ideas should not have been transplanted to Alberta. Our country is new, and particularly in live stock farming we should keep an open mind as to what is the best way. You will want to know what we think about it, and we shall be glad to know what you think. Some of you will, I am sure, want to get in touch with Professor Sackville after you have heard his message.

## Field Crops

I am confident we could occupy all the winter periods in a discussion of field crops, for there seems to be general interest in this broad subject. Right here is where I want to counsel conservatism; be sure before you step out. If you have not time to make several tests of something new, and most of you have not the time, it seems reasonable that you should make use of the findings of those who are employed to experiment in your behalf. We have over 2,000 careful farmers, distributed all over Alberta,

who co-operate with our Field Husbandry Department in the testing out of new strains and varieties. Perhaps some of you would like to join in the good work. In any case this will give you a confidence in what Professor Cutler will have to say to you about field crops.

## Soils

I should explain that we started the first Department of Soils in Canada, in imitation of some of the best institutions south of the line, where it was thought that the study of such a foundational subject should have a department by itself. You really do not know very much about the soil, that is after all the foundation and location of all your farm efforts. I have asked Dr. Wyatt to write you a few interesting things. You can consider these in respect to your own locality. He is at present engaged in preparing for the Department of Agriculture a report on part of a soil survey he has started, beginning in the south. It will take some time to finish the survey of so large a Province, but when newcomers arrive in Alberta they will not pick out land without knowing what it contains. Would it not have been a fine thing if this had been available a few years ago?

## Dairying

Oh, yes, I know this means work but that is true of most things that are worth while. Whether or not you are engaged in some dairy work, you cannot but have a sympathetic interest in a phase of agriculture that has been literally the salvation of so many of our people during the recent hard years. Do you know that the value of dairy products in Alberta last year was almost \$23,000,000? Then too, you must admit that dairying always has a settling influence on any farming, because it is an insurance factor. Also dairy products are concentrated products and cost comparatively little to ship. Do not forget, too, that our dairy products have a good name; so let us help to maintain it. But I had better let Professor Marker tell his own story. I want to tell you one thing before I leave this subject, however. I remember when a lad, never mind how long ago, when some of our people who went "out west" came back and told us that it was a great country, nothing but a lot of heavy sitting around to do all winter—and no milking. Well, I fancy thoughtful people have a different view today—but talk it over after you hear from us.

## Markets

We would not be in the fashion if we did not have something to say to you about markets. Well, markets are not a whit more important than they ever were, relatively speaking, but certain grave conditions in recent years have directed our thoughts more seriously in this direction. Really the phase of good marketing we are best fitted to discuss with you is embraced in what we have to say about soils, crops and animals, because that is where we can best assist you. If we can come to some agreement as to what is best to produce, and when it is best to produce it, and how it is best to deliver it, we shall have attended to a splendid feature of good marketing.

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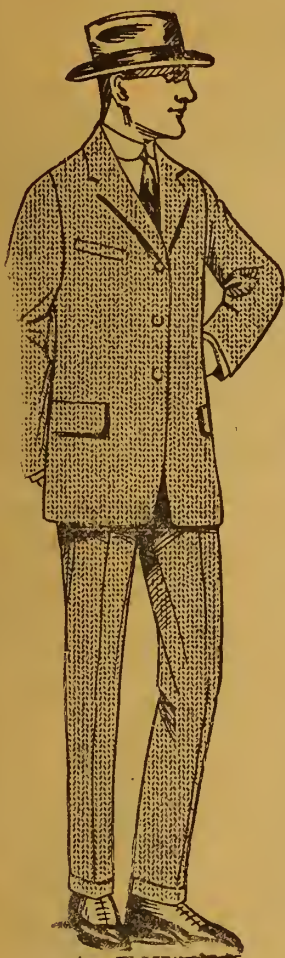
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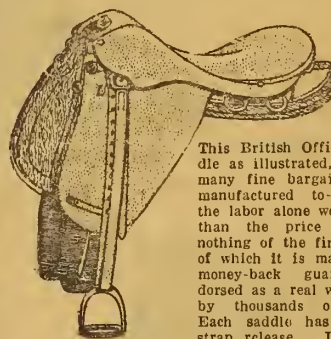
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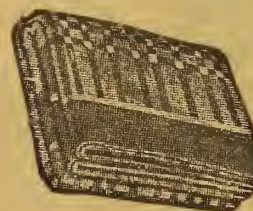


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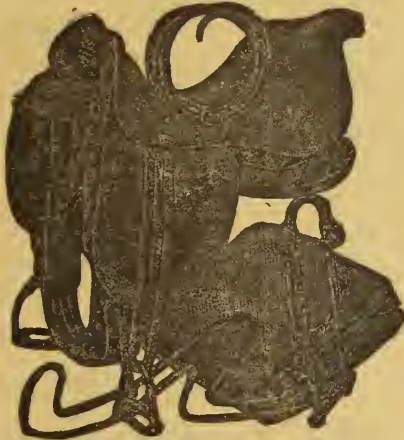
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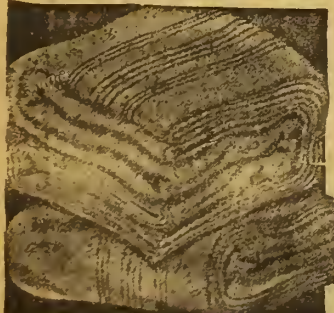
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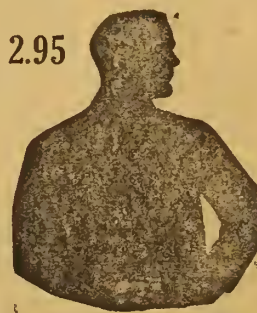
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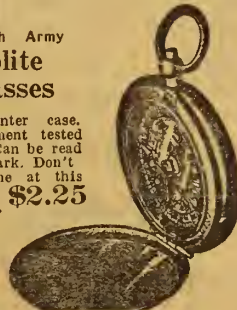
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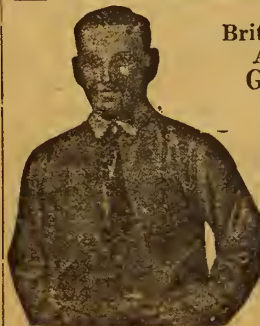
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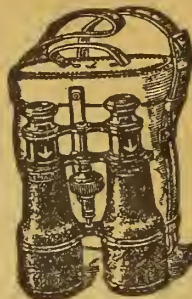
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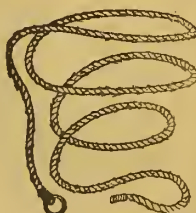
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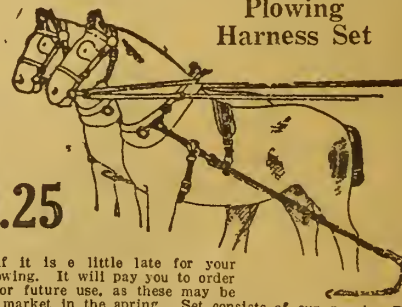


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# Points for Shippers of Pool Wheat

By C. M. Elliott, Provincial Manager, Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd.

In this column important questions which have been raised by shippers since the Alberta Wheat Pool commenced operations, are answered by C. M. Elliott, the Provincial manager of the Pool.

One of the questions being answered daily from the office of the Pool, is in regard to loading Pool wheat over the loading platform. There is no objection whatever to loading in this way. The shipper saves the elevator charges of 1½c per bushel the same as he always has when using the loading platform. Elevator charges are not pooled. Each shipper pays his own cost of loading.

## Loans to Shippers

During this time of inadequate car supply to move the grain quickly from country elevators, there is bound to be the problem of raising money while carloads are awaiting shipment. The full initial payment of 75 cents basis One Northern cannot be made until cars are shipped and graded. Therefore, as mentioned in the first circular letter from the Pool office, arrangements were made with the elevators handling Pool grain to make loans to the shippers who were unable to ship quickly. These loans made by the elevator companies while carloads are awaiting loading have nothing to do with the Pool's initial payment. As soon as cars are billed out, inspected and unloaded the full initial payment is received by the carload shipper. Some elevators are giving the farmer an advance on his tickets almost up to the initial payment value. Others are advancing him around 38 and 40 cents per bushel.

## When Elevator Refuses Advance

Some of the Winnipeg elevator companies that are doing everything they can to discourage the man who is delivering his wheat to the Pool, have refused absolutely to give the shipper a cent on his tickets in cases where the wheat is going to the Pool. In the usual course of elevator business an elevator company invariably will make an advance on its own storage tickets, but now these Winnipeg companies have in many cases refused if the grain is Pool wheat. In cases of this kind where money is required, the tickets should be sent to the Pool office. An advance will be made from there, if the elevator company refuses.

Another thing the Pool shipper must watch, and that is to see that his car is loaded in its turn. Some of the elevators that have not agreed to handle Pool wheat may try to cheat the shipper out of his car. See that your car is loaded out when your turn comes on the car order book, and report any cases of car stealing to the head office of the Pool at Calgary. We have already heard reports of country elevator operators who are acting on the instructions of their Winnipeg management, loading out their own grain in place of Pool farmers' cars.

## Discrimination Illegal

Any elevator must take in your wheat for storage if there is space. Part of Section 157 of the Canada Grain Act

reads as follows: "The person operating any country elevator shall (b) upon the request of any person delivering grain for storage or shipment, receive such grain without discrimination as to persons, during reasonable and proper business hours."

Any knowledge of an infraction of this part of the act should be immediately reported.

## EXPRESS RATE ON POULTRY FOR FLOCK IMPROVEMENT

H. Higginbotham, secretary of the U. F. A., is in receipt of a letter from C. N. Ham, chairman of the Express Traffic Association of Canada, stating that Supplement "E" to Express Classification for Canada No. 5 has now been approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners, and is in effect. This supplement will include the reduced rating on fancy poultry in corrugated strawboard or fibreboard containers when fitted with wooden bottoms.

Mr. Higginbotham has been in correspondence for some time with the Express Traffic Association in reference to the rate charged on poultry shipped for flock improvement purposes. Very frequently pure bred poultry is shipped in strawboard or fibreboard containers, particularly since containers of this description are manufactured by the poultry supply houses for this purpose. Most breeders also find that the strawboard or fibreboard container is more satisfactory for winter shipment in this country, as the birds are protected from drafts and are much more liable to arrive in good condition than when shipped in the ordinary slatted coops used for marketing poultry.

The Canadian Express Companies in the past have charged a higher rate on the strawboard or fibreboard containers than on the slatted coops, but in consequence of representations made to the Express Traffic Association by the secretary of the U. F. A., the Express Companies have agreed and the Railway Commission has approved a reduction of rate which will make the rate uniform on both classes of containers. This also brings the Canadian rates into line with those existing in the United States. The new rate represents a saving of 25 per cent. in the rate on live poultry shipped in strawboard or fibreboard containers when fitted with wooden bottoms.

## WHAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN ROUTE WILL MEAN TO ALBERTA

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\$7.00 less than it costs all rail from Toronto to Vancouver, and what applies to pianos and bath tubs, applies to a great many commodities consumed in Alberta. On the other hand, it costs \$15.00 per thousand feet to ship lumber from Vancouver to Calgary, while the same lumber can be taken through the Panama Canal to Montreal for \$12.00. Surely these facts demonstrate the wisdom of utilizing the shortest and most economical rail haul to and from water transportation as a very important factor in the development of Alberta.

If extensive shipping were established via water from Eastern Canada through the port of New York to the Pacific Coast, Eastern Canadian manufacturers would be in a position to get considerably more of Western Canada's trade which is now going to the country over the International border.

The traffic divide in Western Canada should be established so that trade would flow in natural channels, to encourage this, the structure of rates should be so adjusted as to be on an equality. This would not only result in a more economical handling by the railways due to the better balanced traffic and shorter haul on empty cars, but the increased prosperity to the country that would undoubtedly follow, would be the best means of attracting immigration. The filling up of Western Canada's unoccupied lands would in turn bring prosperity to the manufacturing centres of the East, resulting in increased traffic to Canada's railway systems.

## THE U. F. W. A. AND JUNIOR BRANCH

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Once I mistakenly complimented a host on the good cooking of his wife, and he rather testily informed me that she could not be a good cook if he did not provide something for her to cook. You see the manipulating of markets, and I use the word in its best sense, is really the work of governments or large organizations. However, that is no reason that we should not discuss some of the fundamental principles that govern good marketing, and I am asking Professor Patton to send you some of his ideas on the subject. You should have a good discussion on this, indeed the bush is full of embryo economists these days, but do not forget my homely admonition—let us see that there is something—the right thing—to cook.

Now do not feel that we are approaching you in any paternal frame of mind. We want to be of service to you and we want you to help us. The more we know about your problems the better we can plan our work. I have great hopes of this little scheme of your president. I believe it will mean a bond of sympathy between us—the sympathy that comes from understanding.

E. A. HOWES, Dean,  
College of Agriculture.

## JUNIORS, APPOINT A REPORTER!

Junior Locals are urged to appoint a reporter. It will be the duty of the reporter to send reports regularly to Central Office for use in "The U. F. A.", The Grain Growers' Guide and other papers. The reporter should not hesitate to make reports, simply because he may feel that he is inexperienced in this sort of work. All that is necessary is a letter, expressed in the writer's own way, telling what work the Local is doing, its progress, and any suggestions that would be of use to other Locals. Any revision that is necessary to make the material suitable for publication will be made at Central Office. All Junior members are anxious to see their organization grow, and this is one way in which every Local can help. Other communities reading about your good times will want to have a Junior Local, too. Please be sure to see that your Local has a wide-awake reporter who will be faithful in sending us all the news about your Local.





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# Wheat Pool Delegates Elect Permanent Trustees

Board Advised to Enforce Full Penalty Against Members Who Break Contract

### PERMANENT TRUSTEES

The following were elected as the permanent Board of Trustees of the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., at the meeting of Pool delegates held in Calgary this week:

Clareholm Pool District—O. L. McPherson, M.L.A., Vulcan.  
North Calgary—R. N. Mangles, Youngstown.  
South Calgary—B. S. Plumer, Basano.  
Red Deer—H. W. Wood, Carstairs (re-elected).  
Camrose—L. Hutchinson, Duhamel (re-elected).  
Lethbridge—C. Jensen, Magrath (re-elected).  
Edmonton—W. J. Jackman, Bremner (re-elected).

The permanent Board of Trustees of the Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd., was elected at a meeting of delegates in Calgary on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 13th and 14th, and the list of trustees is published on this page. In accordance with a suggestion made at the meeting of delegates, it is possible that it may be decided that the secretary-treasurer of the Pool shall not be an elected member of the Board, in which event A. R. Brown of Westlock will, it is expected, take Mr. Jackman's place on the Board.

Sixty-nine delegates were present at the Calgary meeting, where many important phases of Pool operation were discussed. As chairman of the Board, President Wood submitted the Trustees' report, covering banking arrangements, salesman, Western sales, elevators, platform loading, the North-West Grain Dealers' Association, and other general subjects related to the organization and operation of the Pool. It was announced that action had been taken to meet the situation created by the refusal of certain Winnipeg-owned elevators to turn over terminal receipts and bills of lading for wheat delivered by members of the Pool. The McLaughlin Elevator Company, it was stated, had signed an agreement to handle Pool Wheat, bringing the total number of companies working with the Pool to 24.

### Acquirement of Elevators.

The following resolution regarding the acquirement of elevators was adopted: "Whereas the ownership of the facilities for handling wheat is essential to the efficient conduct of the Pool;

"Therefore, be it resolved that at the end of the crop season if in the judgment of the trustees we have made out well on our crop, a deduction of not more than two cents per bushel should be set aside for the building or purchase of elevators."

### Acreage and Membership.

In his report, Mr. Jackman as secretary-treasurer gave figures showing the total acreage and membership in the Pool, as indicated below. Since these figures were compiled, 356 new contracts have been signed. Mr. Jackman said that reinstatements were constantly being received from farmers who had withdrawn from the Pool during the withdrawal period.

The official figures by districts, apart

from the 356 contracts mentioned above, are as follows:

	Members	Acres
Camrose	2,878	287,800
Clareholm	2,174	217,400
Edmonton	7,079	707,900
Lethbridge	1,574	157,400
North Calgary	3,586	358,600
Red Deer	6,017	601,700
South Calgary	2,055	205,500

### Enforce Full Penalty.

The following resolution was adopted on motion of J. Zwick of Irvine and H. C. McDaniel of Whitley:

"That this meeting recommend to the incoming Board of Trustees to examine into the widespread reports that members are failing to keep Pool contracts and that where these reports are found to be true, the full penalty be enforced."

A proposal to ask Mr. Sapiro to return to the Province and assist in a new drive for membership was voted down.

Difficulties connected with the handling of grain at local points were fully discussed. C. M. Elliott, Provincial manager, suggested means by which these difficulties might be overcome. Mr. Wood and Mr. Brownlee on behalf of the trustees, described the negotiations with the elevator companies, and the agreement signed by each of the companies handling Pool wheat was read by Mr. Jackman.

A very complete statement was given by Mr. Brownlee, on the negotiations with the bankers and arrangements made for financing the Pool, and a hearty vote of thanks was afterwards tendered to the Attorney General.

### EDITORIAL

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real service to the cause of temperance reform, and has eliminated in its own operations some gross evils frequently associated with the liquor traffic, cannot be doubted.

The conditions which called this Trust into being differ materially from the conditions with which the Government and the Legislature of Alberta will be called upon to deal. But there is one feature of the Public House Trust system which does deserve the most careful consideration. It has been found possible to remove the incentive to private gain in the handling of alcoholic drink sold to the public. If, under the Alberta regulations, it should be possible to incorporate, under one form or another, this desirable feature of the Trust system, that at least would mean some gain to the cause of temperance.

The public verdict has been pronounced. The public may in the future find reason to be dissatisfied with its decision, and there is a field for education, wisely carried on, with a view to new advances of the temperance cause. But the decision has been made, and it is the duty of all good citizens to endeavor to make the best, rather than the worst of it.

"In politics," said a writer who may have been a profound observer, or may have been merely a cynic, "nothing is ever done until it is time to do something else."

The history of Europe since the armistice tends to support the former view. At the Conference of Versailles, Lloyd George (who had been elected on a platform which was commonly supposed to include a provision for "hanging the Kaiser," and, to quote one of Mr. George's lieutenants, the squeezing of the defeated enemy "till the pips squeak") was party to a treaty which imposed upon the new German republic conditions which most intelligent men are now agreed could



not be fulfilled without great disaster to Europe as a whole. A mere economist, J. M. Keynes of Cambridge University, who was present at the Conference as adviser to the British Treasury, said so in 1918, and then handed in his resignation. Today Lloyd George is known to be in favor of the modification of the treaty, largely in the manner which Mr. Keynes then suggested.

But in the meantime the situation has changed. The seed sown at Versailles has germinated and grown to maturity, and Europe is now beginning to eat of the fruit. Lloyd George did not hang the Kaiser (if he had hanged all the German family of ex-royalties there would have been still other reactionaries available, to assume the role of national deliverers if the proper time came). But the treaty signed in 1918 is responsible in 1923 for the revival of the royalist movement which is giving some slight concern to some of Germany's late enemies.

And now, when the Treaty of Versailles has proved impossible of enforcement, and France, taking recognition of this fact, is openly violating its provisions, and Germany repudiating the treaty, British statesmen are 'compelled to advocate, first, in argument with the French, a return to the observance of its provisions, and second, as a measure of practical commonsense, and for the benefit of British industry, the modification of its provisions.

Today the pips are squeaking, but the kernels are explosive substance.

"The right faith of man is not intended to give him repose, but to enable him to do his work. It is not intended that he should look away from the place he lives in now, and cheer himself with the thoughts of the place he is to live in next, but that he should look stoutly into this world, in faith that if he does his work thoroughly here, some good to others or himself, with which, however, he is not at present concerned, will come of it hereafter. And this kind of brave, but not very hopeful or cheerful faith, I perceive to be always rewarded by clear practical success and splendid intellectual power; while the faith which dwells on the future fades away into rosy mist, and emptiness of musical air."—John Ruskin.

A general election will be held in Great Britain in December, Premier Baldwin appealing to the country to support a protectionist policy.

#### RE-ARRANGE PORTFOLIOS

A readjustment of portfolios in the Alberta Government has recently taken place. Premier Greenfield, who has held the portfolios of Provincial Treasurer and Provincial Secretary, has now become Minister of Municipal Affairs. Hon. J. E. Brownlee, the Attorney-General, has taken the Provincial Secretaryship. Hon. R. G. Reid, formerly Minister of Public Health and of Municipal Affairs, has become Provincial Treasurer, on being relieved of the other portfolios. Hon. George Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, has taken charge of the Department of Public Health in addition to his other portfolio.

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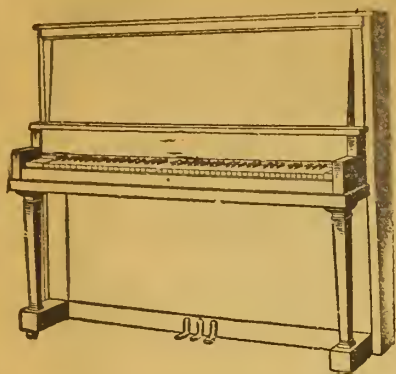
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## BUILDING A CO-OPERATIVE CIVILIZATION IN RURAL IRELAND

(Continued from page 5)

of the co-operative movement in England, and it was "at their feet I sat and became inspired with an enthusiasm for the co-operative idea which has never left me." Among these leaders were Holyoake, Vansittart, Neale and Tom Hughes. "They were more than sympathetic with my Irish project, but they told me frankly that I did not know what I would have to contend against, and that I must not be discouraged if I found myself sowing seed upon very stony ground." The writer, now grown old in the leadership of the great movement which he was largely instrumental in founding, adds, "Many a time, in after years, my fellow-workers came to me with the cry, 'An enemy hath done this,' and recalled these doubts."

"In work of the kind contemplated," he proceeds, "I have always held that if you are on sound economic ground it is only a question of pegging away to win out. . . . At the time of which I am speaking, by far the greater part of co-operative effort (in England) was devoted to the simple purchase of supplies and their economical distribution, and little headway had been made in productive industry. The agricultural population had been almost excluded from the movement.

"In Ireland it was decided to restrict the new movement to the rural community and to concentrate upon the basic industry of agriculture. The British movement had had a hard struggle against organized trade. . . . A Minister of Education nearly got his party into serious trouble for permitting the use in schools of a book in which the co-operative system was explained. The Irish movement was bitterly opposed by the country traders. . . .

### Politics in Backward Communities

"In a backward agricultural community the political machine is generally run, not by the farming majority, but by the trading minority. I suppose few remember what a political bombshell the very word co-operation was in England in those days. The new movement was co-operation and nothing else. We camouflaged it by the term 'organized self-help' but it was not long before the attack upon the divine right of middle profits was scented. The control of the political machine in advanced industrial communities by combines and trusts was never comparable to the influence upon Irish politics of the village traders. It is generally known how 'big business' has aroused the ire of progressive leaders in American politics, but the way in which little business retarded rural progress in Ireland for a quarter of a century has escaped notice."

Going on to deal with a number of the practical problems with which the Irish farmers were confronted, Sir Horace says, "The modern market was increasingly demanding that articles of common consumption should be consigned to it in bulk of uniform quality. The separator, steam churn, butter worker and a host of other factory appliances fulfilled this condition. The Danes, and even the Swedes, who had adopted mass production, were already competing successfully with Irish butter in the British and even in the Irish market. The capitalist had seen his opportunity. We saw ours.

"Before we took the field with our co-operative campaign, the substitution of

the modern factory method for the immemorial domestic method of butter-making was well under way. Out of the ample margin of profits the capitalist owners of the new creameries were making, they were able to pay the farmer a far higher price for his milk than it was worth to him for butter-making on the old plan. In a short time, when the farmer had gone out of the business, the price paid for the milk was reduced to the lowest he would stand. So we set out to explain to the farmers that, by intelligent combination of their capital, credit and energies, they could reap the profits of the capitalist."

### Irish Farmer Convinced

When the new associations undertook to purchase agricultural machinery, they found that the manufacturers had no patience with the "theorists" who were insisting upon the co-operative plan, "then almost unknown to our farmers and, indeed, almost unheard of by the farmers of any other English-speaking country. Yet we had to insist upon the co-operative principle as being absolutely essential to success and, strange as it may seem, the conflict between the two methods of organizing farmers for factory dairying proved once for all to the quick intelligence of the Irish farmer that only by means of co-operation could he work out his economic salvation.

"It thus happens that a simple concrete illustration taken from the early effort to co-operatize the dairying industry in Ireland will save any further theorizing upon the relative merits of co-operative and competitive organization of farmers. On the capitalistic—or as we call it, the joint stock—plan, capital is subscribed by, and the government of the concern in the hands of the shareholders, whose power is in proportion to the amount of shares held. A majority of one share in the hands of an individual, or of a group of shareholders, carries with it the final decision upon all questions of policy or management. Further, the profits of the undertaking are divided among the shareholders in proportion to their shares.

"In the co-operative creameries the principle of 'one-man-one-vote' prevails and all are equal upon questions of policy and management. Furthermore, the profit on shares is limited to a fixed rate of interest—generally in those days, 5 per cent. Any further net profit is divided, not among the shareholders, but among the suppliers of milk in proportion to the quality and quantity of milk supplied. In some creameries this net profit is also shared by the workers in the institution, a dollar's worth of wages earned sharing alike with a dollar's worth of milk supplied. The object of this arrangement is, through an equitable arrangement between all the participants in the undertaking, to make it everybody's business to work for success.

### Why One Man One Vote?

"Now, whether the farmers are organized as a joint stock company or as a co-operative society, one of the chief functions of the board of directors of the former, or the democratically elected committee of management of the latter, is the periodical fixing of the price paid for the milk. This, of course, depends upon cost of manufacturing and distributing the product on the one hand, and the market price on the other. Suppose on one of these committees shareholder 'A' owned one cow and fifty shares,

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whereas shareholder 'B' owned one share and fifty cows. Obviously it would be to 'A's' interest to pay as small a price as possible for the milk in order that he might enjoy the largest possible dividend. 'B' would merely wish to get a high price for his milk in order that he might make more out of his farm."

Although the main purpose of his writing is to explain "an idea", rather than to furnish the practical details of its working, Sir Horace cites a few statistics which are sufficient to indicate the remarkable progress of the co-operative dairies during the years that have passed since their formation.

#### Dairy Turnover \$35,000,000

"It has been seen," he says, "that our first adventure was in the application of co-operation to dairying. Our first dairying society was started in the spring of 1891, after I had addressed fifty, and my associates many more, almost abortive meetings. By the year 1899, however, we had 152 of these societies working, with a trade turnover of about \$2,500,000 worth of butter. Ten years later the number of dairying societies had risen to 380 with a membership of 44,313 and a turnover of some \$9,000,000. In 1919, after another decade of strenuous propaganda, the number of these societies was 439, the membership 53,240, and the turnover \$35,000,000. War prices immensely increased the value of the output; but allowing for this there was an actual increase in the trade notwithstanding that under war conditions the country was considerably depleted of milking stock.

"In 1899 there were 424 societies of all kinds with a membership of 39,852, and a trade turnover of \$45,000,000. In the year 1919 societies numbered 1,028, members 135,369, and the trade turnover was \$55,000,000. The total trade turnover from the commencement of the movement down to the end of the year 1919 was \$350,000,000."

The co-operative principle and plan, says the Irish leader, are now "so firmly established in the minds of rural Ireland that it is only a question of time before the entire farming industry will be developed upon co-operative lines."

The writer points out that as the great majority of those who have joined the movement work upon their farms, and as only the heads of families become members of the societies, the persons directly benefited are about five times the number of members. "It is a further regrettable fact," he says, "that an immense number of farmers avail themselves of the services of the societies without becoming members. They are allowed to do so because the larger the trade the smaller are the working costs.

#### All Embracing Plan

"There is a tendency inside the movement to expand all the several activities of the societies into a new type of society—the general purpose society. This—which is a development of distributive co-operation based primarily on an older type of society originally restricted to obtaining for farmers the requisites of their calling, such as seeds and manures—will not only embrace all the activities mentioned above, but will embark upon the supply of domestic commodities on the lines of the English co-operative store, and may also undertake banking, insurance, and any other business or service, such as the electric lighting of villages, in which the community may be

interested. Some four hundred of these societies, old and new, are in existence, none of them yet covering the whole ground, but all of them having in their constitution the power to do so.

"In short, we have learned in Ireland, and would impress upon all rural communities which have become backward owing to the concentration of all that is best in thought and feeling for public welfare upon the problem of the cities: (1) The vital need of thorough organization upon co-operative lines; (2) the paramount importance of reliance upon voluntary effort rather than upon state assistance, in the sure belief that what by intelligent combination we can do for ourselves is immeasurably more beneficial than what the best of governments can do for us; and (3) the insistence upon building up rural society on its three sides; namely, the technical side, the commercial or business side and the social and intellectual side.

#### Final Word of Advice

"I would add one piece of advice for universal application by rural communities in the English-speaking countries. They should take steps to inform themselves, as we did in Ireland, as to the organization of agriculture in those countries which have not neglected the farmer, and should exchange experiences and ideas among each other as to the progress made in repairing this neglect."

#### CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN ECONOMICS

The correspondence course in "Principles of Political Economy" offered last year by the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta will be repeated this year, as well as a second course in "Economics of Agriculture." There is no charge for either course except the registration fees of \$3 and \$5 respectively, to cover the cost of textbooks and postage, etc.

Much interest was shown in last year's course, and the same textbook will be used—Professor T. N. Carver's "Principles of Political Economy." The book is divided into eight parts, dealing with "The Productive Forces," "Distribution of Wealth," "Exchange," etc. The student is required to write an examination on each part, which is returned to the instructor for criticism and suggestions. The suggestion is made that where two or more persons in the same district are taking the course, a study class should be formed, so that the students may receive the benefits of joint discussion.

The same method is followed in the second course, the textbook used being "Agricultural Economics" by Dr. James Boyle, of Cornell University, in which the current problems of agriculture are considered from the national or social standpoint. The book is divided for study purposes into sixteen parts, and supplemented by other suitable material. Some of the topics of the sixteen studies are, "Farm Values and the Farmer's Income," "Determination of Agricultural Prices," "Speculation."

Persons desirous of entering either of the courses should send their application at once, with registration fee, to the Department of Extension.

#### LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

At least one Canadian team will enter the Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest to be held during the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, December 1st to 8th. Two weeks previously, in Toronto, teams from the agricultural colleges of the four Western Provinces will compete for the Macdonald trophy, an eight-pound bronze statue of a buffalo. The donor of the trophy, Sir William Macdonald, will pay the travelling expenses of the four teams to Toronto, and of the winning team to Chicago.



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### MRS. GUNN ON UNIVERSITY BOARD

Mrs. R. B. Gunn, of New Lindsay, vice-president of the U. F. W. A., has been appointed a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta.

### PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

During recent months two eminent authorities on public ownership have given warning that an insidious campaign against public ownership is now being carried on in North America, largely through the press. Amos Pinchot, brother of Governor Clifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, declared at the public ownership conference at Toronto, that trusts and their banking directors in the United States had gained control of the four basic industries of steel, coal, beef and oil, that they owned the railways to such an extent that the roads were now being operated to create a monopoly, and that if this end should be achieved they would ultimately crush democratic civilization. He predicted that they would fail, and that public ownership of U. S. railways would be insisted on by the people.

A. Emil Davies, of the London (Eng.) county council, stated that in an attempt to discredit public ownership, false information on the progress of publicly owned utilities in Europe is being persistently spread in North America. The facts were, said Mr. Davies, that in Australasia, in other parts of the Empire, and even in London, public ownership was making such strides as a decade ago would have been regarded as amazing.

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